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1. IT APPEARS THERE IS LITTLE SUPPORT FOR US POSITION

OPPOSING INVITATION TO PLO TO ATTEND IAEA GENERAL CONFERENCE AS OBSERVER. AS RESULT OF REFTEL A WE PRESENTLY EXPECT THE FOLLOWING VOTE PATTERN:

ABSTENTIONS: FRG, BELGIUM, DENMARK, ICELAND, NETHERLANDS, UK, URUGUAY, NORWAY, FRANCE, ITALY, LUXEMBOURG, AUSTRIA AND SWITZERLAND.

FOR US POSITION: COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA, AUSTRALIA, ISRAEL, AND PERHAPS CANADA.

FOR PLO: SWEDEN (ALMOST DEFINITELY) AND FINLAND (LIKELY).

2. NEVERTHELESS, USG CONTINUES TO OPPOSE STRONGLY SUCH AN INVITATION ON THE GROUNDS PROVIDED PARA 2 REFTEL.

3. USDEL THEREFORE SHOULD PROCEED AS FOLLOWS: A) IN GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF PROVISIONAL

AGENDA, USDEL SHOULD EMPHASIZE DESIRABILITY OF MAINTAINING PAST PRECEDENTS CONCERNING PROCEDURES FOR INVITING OBSERVERS TO GENERAL CONFERENCE. IT SHOULD BRIEFLY STATE FOR RECORD US RESERVATION TO INCLUSION OF PLO OBSERVER STATUS ITEM ON AGENDA ON BASIS OF CONSTITUTIONAL INAPPROPRIATENES IN VIEW OF NATURE AND FUNCTIONS OF AGENCY AND ABSENCE OF PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO PLO UNDER AGENCY'S STATUTE AND RULES OF PROCEDURE B) USDEL SHOULD INSURE THAT GENERAL COMMITTEE'S REPORT TO GENERAL CONFERENCE IN PRESENTING AGENDA FOR APPROVAL INCLUDES REFERENCE TO US RESERVATION AND, ON THIS CONDITION, PERMIT AGENDA'S ADOPTION BY CONSENSUS C) IN SUBSTANTIVE DEBATE OF AGENDA ITEM IN GENERAL CONFERENCE USDEL SHOULD CALL FOR A VOTE AND STATE FULL GROUNDS OF US OPPOSITION IN EXPLANATORY STATEMENT BEFORE THE VOTE DRAWING ON REFTEL A AND REFTEL B (LEGAL BRIEF),D) USDEL SHOULD SEE MAXIMUM COMPANY IN ABOVE MOVES.

4. FOREGOING INSTRUCTIONS BASED ON ASSESSMENT THAT THERE ARE NO PRACTICAL CHANCES FOR BLOCKING GENERAL CONFERENCE CONSIDERATION OF THE PLO OBSERVER STATUS ITEM. HOWEVER, IF USDEL'S INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS WITH WEO'S SHOULD INDICATE REALISTIC POSSIBILITY OF A GENERAL COMMITTEE VOTE
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TO DEFER QUESTION BACK TO THE IAEA BOARD OF GOVERNORS, USDEL SHOULD ADVISE DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATELY.

5. FOR TEL AVIV: EMBASSY SHOULD BRIEF ISRAELIS ON RESULT OF OUR EFFORTS AND SOUNDINGS SO FAR AND OUR PLANS FOR HANDLING TOPIC AT IAEA GENERAL CONFERENCE.

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